

## Claims Protested

Attorney W. S. Gilchrist of Denver has been conducting a number of protest cases here this week before E. S. Irwin, Clerk of the District Court against John Palmer, Rachael Bixler, Frank Gabberry, Emma Gabberry and T. J. Cavinee. The general charge has been failure to establish and maintain residence and failure to cultivate. He also has taken depositions in U. S. v. Thomas Platzn and U. S. vs Philip Neathery in connection with their tree claims. He goes to Hugoton on a similar mission the last of this week.

## Obituary.

Drusilla Davis was born July 6, 1872 at Leavenworth, Kansas. She was married to Wm. Thomas Petty Oct. 20, 1889 in Aurora Mo. Ten children were born to them, four of which preceded the mother. Oct. 3, 1909 the family came from Galena, Kans. to Liberal hoping the change would benefit Mr. Petty's health. The wife and mother was doing her best to support the family. A few days ago she was taken with pneumonia fever which caused her death. She passed away Jan. 9, 1911. She leaves a husband, six children, a father, two brothers, and a sister to mourn.

She was covered at the age of twenty-two, but never united with any church. She was a help meet indeed to her husband and a loving and tender mother. She sent her children to Sunday School and church that they might learn to love her Lord and His Christ.

The funeral services were held in the M. E. Church, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Liberal cemetery to wait the resurrection. The town and community sympathize deeply with the invalid husband and motherless children.

Last Friday night the Liberal High School and Fowler Academy basketball teams battled for supremacy, at the Liberal Opera House. Fowler won by a score of 23 to 3. They did not win by good ball playing however, but were simply too large for the Liberal boys to handle.

The Liberal Athletic Club goes to Bucklin next Saturday to play basketball with the Bucklin Athletic Club. The Liberal boys have been doing some good practice work and are confident of winning. Liberal has some mighty good basketball material and they deserve the best support Liberal can give. The boys expect to have a number of games with neighboring towns this winter and let's help them out by going.

Last Tuesday a trade was consummated between Wm. and M. D. Hyde and J. T. Dalton in which Dalton becomes owner of what is known as the Hyde property near the school house. The property consists of a five room cottage located on lots 31 and 32, block 9, of the old Liberal townsite and is one of the nice pieces of property in Liberal. Jim says that he is now on the market for a house keeper and that none but widows and 'old maids' need apply.

A deal was closed last Saturday whereby the Nix Bros. became owner of the Liberal Electric Theater and J. F. Black former owner of the theater becomes owner of a fine quarter section of land near Grand Valley Okla. The new owners expect to improve their theater and give their customers a first class show for the money, among other things will give vaudeville performances. The first one of these will be next Saturday night. Mr. Black's reason for selling out was that he had been in bad health for some time and he concluded that the show business was too confining for him.

## Wanted.

A young man wishes to share a large commodious room in private house, located in best residence part of town. Separate beds. Ball at this office. 1-t-pd.

## County School News.

Come, let us live for our children. Doctor Crumblin sprang a new one this week. Some time ago he threatened the roller towel, but evidently having nothing to take its place the matter was dropped. Now, Superintendent Fairchild is going to make a test of paper towels for school houses, acting on the Doctor's theory that the roller towel is a prolific dispenser of disease germs. The new towels are made of heavy absorbent tissue paper. Each is ten inches wide and eighteen inches long. After use they are burned. The fixtures and 1,000 towels cost a little more than \$2.00, and extra rolls of towels come at about 50 cents per thousand.

Prof. Wilcox of the University asserts that there will be no children under 5 years of age in the United States in the year 2000-90 years hence unless they are imported from foreign countries.

The census shows that Kansas has a population of 20 to each square mile. This amounts to a family of five on each quarter section. We wonder when Seward county will measure up to the mark—48 sections require 12,960 people to make a family of five to each quarter.

Mr. Ed. Mann and wife made us a pleasant call Saturday afternoon. They are planning to send their children to school in Seward county after the holiday vacation. Mr. Mann has recently built a fine house in Liberal and expects to make this city his home in the future.

Mr. Miller of Oklahoma also called and talked over school matters. She has recently moved to our city to send her children to school. They have been going to school in Oklahoma for the past four months and she hopes they may be able to continue in the same grade that they were in in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Akers, mother of Millard Akers who is teaching in district 15, made us a friendly call Tuesday. She was in Liberal on a contest case.

Misses Dolly Hill, Maude Fuest and Alma Pile came in to see us Saturday. They were so full of joy and happiness that they made us feel young again. Alma was going back to Manhattan on the early morning train. She is very much in love with her school work in Manhattan and hopes to take the full course and graduate in due time. We wish every boy and girl in Seward county could graduate from this splendid institution.

We hope the boys who have not yet received their walnuts will come and get them as soon as possible. They should be planted immediately.

Under favorable conditions the black walnut is a tree that is easily grown. The ground in which the trees are to be grown should be thoroughly cultivated for two or three years before the nuts are planted as the trees will not make a satisfactory growth in new soil. It requires the deepest and richest soil that can be found along creek and river valleys for its best development, at the same time it makes a very good growth on the prairie soil in the eastern part of the state. We are trying to experiment and see what this tree will do on the prairie soil in the western part of our state. The Chief Forester, Charles A. Scott, says: "In the western part of the state boys should select the low ground along ravines where possible for planting walnuts." The nuts should be planted three feet apart and in furrows not more than four inches deep. After the rows are planted the furrows may be covered with a cultivator. It is not necessary nor even desirable to level the ground more than is required to securely cover the nuts. If the furrows are not leveled they will catch the excess surface water in times of heavy rainfall. If the nuts cannot be planted in furrows the next best thing is to plant them in seed spots. Seed spots are places where several nuts are planted in an area sixteen or eighteen feet in diameter to form a group of trees. The ground for such planting should be spaded and pulverized so as to increase the moisture holding capacity of the soil, and about six seeds should be planted in each seed spot. On account of the black walnut being a lover of moist soil it is very sensitive to dry, parched conditions. It is therefore necessary to give these young trees the very best of cultivation until they have developed a root system and taken possession of the ground. Thorough surface tillage that will maintain a dust mulch is the most desirable cultivation. When it is impossible to give such cultivation it is a good plan to mulch the ground with straw to keep down the weeds and grass. By all means keep the ground around the seedling trees free from weeds and grass sod. After the walnut trees are five or six years old it is often desirable to underplant them with such trees as the box elder, green ash or red cedar so as to completely shade the ground. Shading the ground and keeping out the weeds and grass are far more important in tree culture than most people are willing to believe.

Walnut trees have very light foliage and the weeds and grasses soon take the ground unless some other trees are planted with them. The walnut may be planted in the fall up to the time the ground freezes. We have been told that the ground is not yet frozen, so there is yet time to plant them. Come, boys, or send for them right away.

Mrs. Augerot of Hayne and her daughter, LaVerne Childears, made us a short but pleasant call last week. Miss La Verne expects to continue her studies in the Liberal high school after the holidays.

Here's a good motto: "If I don't succeed I don't want my salary."

If the pupils in school are properly graded and attend school regularly, who is to blame if they do not do the work required by the state? Or in other words who is to blame if they do not pass—the parents, the pupils or the teacher? Last Sunday while listening to a sermon on "Love"—the greatest theme in the world—Little Edward straightened himself up and whispered to us: "Is that preacher trying to make me love the people that are mean to me?" We replied: "Sure, that is what he is trying to have us all do." "Well," said he, "I never can do that—love people that are mean to me." We wonder how many of us older ones can love those who spitefully use us and persecute us, and pray our Heavenly Father to forgive them.

Mrs. Martin, sister of Mrs. Turner, called on business last week. As she has been a teacher we found many congenial things to talk over.

O. M. Nix qualified as treasurer of district 4 last week. Mr. Cain and Mr. Scott went on his bond.

Grace Gleason, Mrs. DeCrow and Wm. Rusco called last week. Each purchased the reading circle books. They are all striving to make a success of their respective schools.

Fourteen sets of the reading circle books have been purchased to date. We hope that every teacher will procure a set as soon as possible.

We hope every teacher in the county will be present at one or another of the places designated in the county papers of December 30th. next Saturday at 2 o'clock to discuss the first four chapters of each of these books. Come, let us reason together. All are needed by each one. Nothing is good or fair alone.

Lord God, our needs are great, our graces few. With peace, contentment, love our minds imbue. We would we all could praise Thee as we ought. Thou who hast died for us, our battles fought.

## Centerville.

Very pleasant weather since the cold snap.

Miss Ethel Hanner dined with Mrs. C. B. Stockstill on Thursday of last week.

J. E. Brightup and C. A. DeCamp delivered broomcorn in Liberal last Thursday.

J. N. Hanner and H. G. Clark went to Liberal last Thursday to get a load of coal.

A series of revival services began on Wednesday of last week at the Centerville schoolhouse.

Rev. Harry Peacock who is conducting the revival services was called away east Thursday to preach the funeral of one of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lahey's children.

Eighty degrees above zero last Tuesday. How is that for January weather.

The Misses Wavie Mills and Zella Clark spent last Sunday afternoon with the Lewis family.

Albert Welch returned last Friday from Illinois where he has been visiting, instead of eastern Kansas as we had stated.

Miss Ethel Hantley of Hugoton a sister of Mrs. Harry Peacock, came down last Friday evening and visited with the young ladies of this neighborhood until Sunday evening when she returned to Hugoton.

Ralph Lewis is helping Jesse Hanner this week with his feed hauling.

Lon DeCamp went to Tyrone last Monday to get a load of coal for Bro. Peacock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Traver attended the preaching service at our schoolhouse last Sunday morning.

Word was received here Tuesday that E. B. White who lives on the Cimarron had lost 4 horses with the blind staggers. The veterinary went out and saved the rest of the bunch. It is thought that the disease was a result of the horses feeding on cornstalks.

# Rope Talk

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, KANSAS.

H. Hobbie, vs. E. G. Jones, et al.

The State of Kansas to the defendants, The S. L. Davidson Mortgage Company, a domestic corporation, if the said corporation has a legal existence, and if said corporation does not have a legal existence, then the unknown successors, trustees and assigns of said corporation: You and each of you will hereby take notice that You and each of you have been sued in the above entitled action in said court as defendants, and that you and each of you must answer the petition of plaintiff filed in said action on or before the 15th day of February, 1911, or said petition will be taken as true and judgment accordingly rendered quieting and perfecting plaintiff's title to and possession of the following described real estate, to-wit: The northwest quarter of section thirteen in township thirty-five south of range thirty-four west of 6th P. M. in Seward County, Kansas, and a further judgment barring and excluding you and each of you, and all persons claiming or to claim by, through or under you or any of you from any right, title, interest, equity or estate in or to said real estate that you may have or claim to have and enjoining you and each of you from asserting or setting up any such right, title, interest, equity or estate adverse to the title and possession of plaintiff. E. S. Irwin, Clerk of the District Court. Attorney for Plaintiff (Seal.)

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